

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 19-25 remain pending in the application. Claims 15-18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Pursuant to a telephone conversation with the Examiner conducted on February 25, 2008, the claims have been modified and presented as new claims that should be in condition for allowance, assuming further search by the Examiner does not uncover any art that could be used to reject the claims. Applicants maintain that the previously pending claims patentably defined the present invention over the art of record, but have amended the claims in order to expedite issuance of a patent.

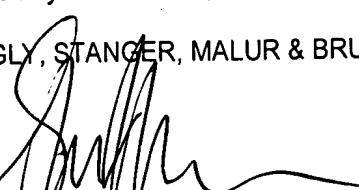
Applicants reserve the right to file broader claims than those currently pending in one or more continuation applications.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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